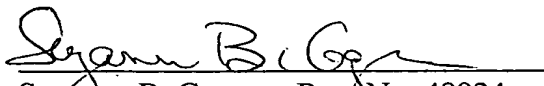


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MARKED-UP VERSION SHOWING CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-21 and 23-34 have been amended in the following manner:

1           1. (Amended) A method of establishing a binaural communication link between  
2           two hearing devices at an individual by at least two electronic conductors, [characterized  
3           by] comprising the steps of establishing one conductor by the individual's body and [the]  
4           at least one second conductor by a wire.

1           2. (Amended) The method of claim 1, [characterized by] further comprising bi-  
2           directionally transmitting electrical signals between said hearing devices.

1           3. (Amended) The method of [one of claims 1 or 2, characterized by] claim 1,  
2           further comprising transmitting at least one of control signals and of audio signals via  
3           said communication link.

1           4. (Amended) The method of [one of claims 1 to 3, characterized by] claim 1,  
2           further comprising providing an electronic unit communicating by said link with said  
3           devices.

1           5. (Amended) The method of claim 4, [characterized by] wherein said unit  
2           comprising a receiver-/transmitter-unit for wireless communication and establishing  
3           communication.

1           6. (Amended) The method of [one of claims 1 to 5, characterized by] claim 1,  
2       wherein one of said two hearing devices being a master and the second of said hearing  
3       devices a slave.

1           7. (Amended) The method of claim 5, [characterized by] further comprising  
2       providing said transmitter-/receiver unit between said two hearing devices.

1           8. (Amended) The method of [one of claims 1 to 7, characterized by] claim 1,  
2       further comprising applying said wire to at least one of said hearing devices by magnetic  
3       attraction.

1           9. (Amended) The method of claim 8, [characterized by] further comprising  
2       establishing by said magnetic attraction an electric conduction contact of said wire to an  
3       input tab of said at least one hearing device.

1           10. (Amended) The method of claim 9, [characterized by] further comprising  
2       establishing said conduction contact by at least one of a magnetic and of a ferromagnetic  
3       member.

1           11. (Amended) The method of claim 9, [characterized by] further comprising  
2       establishing said conduction contact with at least one of a non-magnetic metal contact  
3       member, a conductive polymer contact member.

1           12. (Amended) The method of claim 8, [characterized by] further comprising

2 establishing by said magnetic attraction a capacitive electric contact of said wire to an  
3 input of said at least one hearing device.

1 13. (Amended) The method of [one of claims 1 to 12, characterized by] claim 1,  
2 further comprising establishing electric contact to said individual's body from said  
3 devices by a conduction body electrode comprising at least one of a metallic and of a  
4 conductive polymer body electrode.

1 14. (Amended) The method of [one of claims 1 to 11] claim 1, characterized by  
2 establishing electric contact to said individual's body by a series capacitance electrode  
3 from said hearing devices.

1 15. (Amended) The method of claim 8, [characterized by] further comprising  
2 establishing a predetermined relative positioning of a contact area at said wire and a  
3 contact area at said at least one hearing device, by said magnetic attraction.

1 16. (Amended) The method of claim 8, [characterized by] further comprising  
2 enabling or disabling applying said wire to one of said two hearing devices by  
3 appropriately selecting magnetic polarities of respective magnetic arrangements at said  
4 at least one hearing device and said wire.

1 17. (Amended) The method of [one of claims 1 to 16, characterized by] claim 1,  
2 further comprising providing an electronic unit interconnected between said two hearing  
3 devices by said communication link and providing at said electronic unit an electrode to

4 said individual's body comprising one of a conduction body electrode, preferably of at  
5 least one of a metal and of a conductive polymer and of a capacitive body electrode.

1 18. (Amended) The method of [one of claims 1 to 17, characterized by] claim 1,  
2 wherein said hearing devices being one of in-the-ear and of outside-the-ear hearing  
3 devices.

1 19. (Amended) The method of [one of claims 1 to 18, characterized by] claim 1,  
2 wherein said hearing devices being therapeutical hearing aid devices.

1 20. (Amended) The method of [one of claims 1 to 19, characterized by] further  
2 comprising integrating said communication link into a head-worn assembly, preferably  
3 into glasses.

1 21. (Amended) The method of claim 20, [characterized by] further comprising  
2 establishing electric connection of said wire to at least one of said hearing devices by  
3 putting on said glasses.

1 23. (Amended) The set of claim 22, [characterized by a] wherein said  
2 communication link comprising at least one single wire.

1 24. (Amended) The set of claim 22 [or 23], wherein said communication link  
2 comprising an electronic unit and two single wires respectively connectable to said  
3 hearing devices on one side and to said electronic unit on the other side.

1           25. (Amended) The set of claim 24, wherein said electronic unit comprising a  
2 wireless transmitter-/receiver-unit operationally connected to contact areas for said two  
3 wires.

1           26. (Amended) The set of [one of claims 22 to 25, characterized by] claim 23,  
2 further comprising a magnetic connection arrangement between at least one end of said  
3 wire and at least one of said two hearing devices.

1           27. (Amended) The set of claim 26, [characterized by] wherein said magnetic  
2 connection further comprising conductive contact members at said hearing device and at  
3 said one end respectively for establishing mutual galvanic contact between said wire and  
4 said hearing device.

1           28. (Amended) The set of claim 27, [characterized by] wherein at least one of  
2 said conductive members comprising a magnet or being made of ferromagnetic metal.

1           29. (Amended) The set of claim 27, [characterized by] wherein at least one of  
2 said conductive members comprising at least one of non-magnetic metal and of  
3 conductive polymer.

1           30. (Amended) The set of claim 26, [characterized by] wherein said magnetic  
2 connection comprising a series capacitance, established by establishing said magnetic  
3 connection.

1           31. (Amended) The set of [one of claims 22 to 30,] claim 22, wherein said body  
2 electrode being a conductive plate or a conductive plate covered with a dielectric  
3 material.

1           32. (Amended) The set of [one of claims 22 to 31, characterized by] claim 23,  
2 wherein said wire being integrated into a head-worn assembly[, preferably into glasses].

1           33. (Amended) The set of [one of claims 22 to 32, characterized by] claim 22,  
2 wherein said hearing devices being in-the-ear or outside-the-ear hearing devices.

1           34. (Amended) The set [of one of claims 22 to 33, characterized by] claim 22,  
2 wherein said hearing devices being hearing air devices.